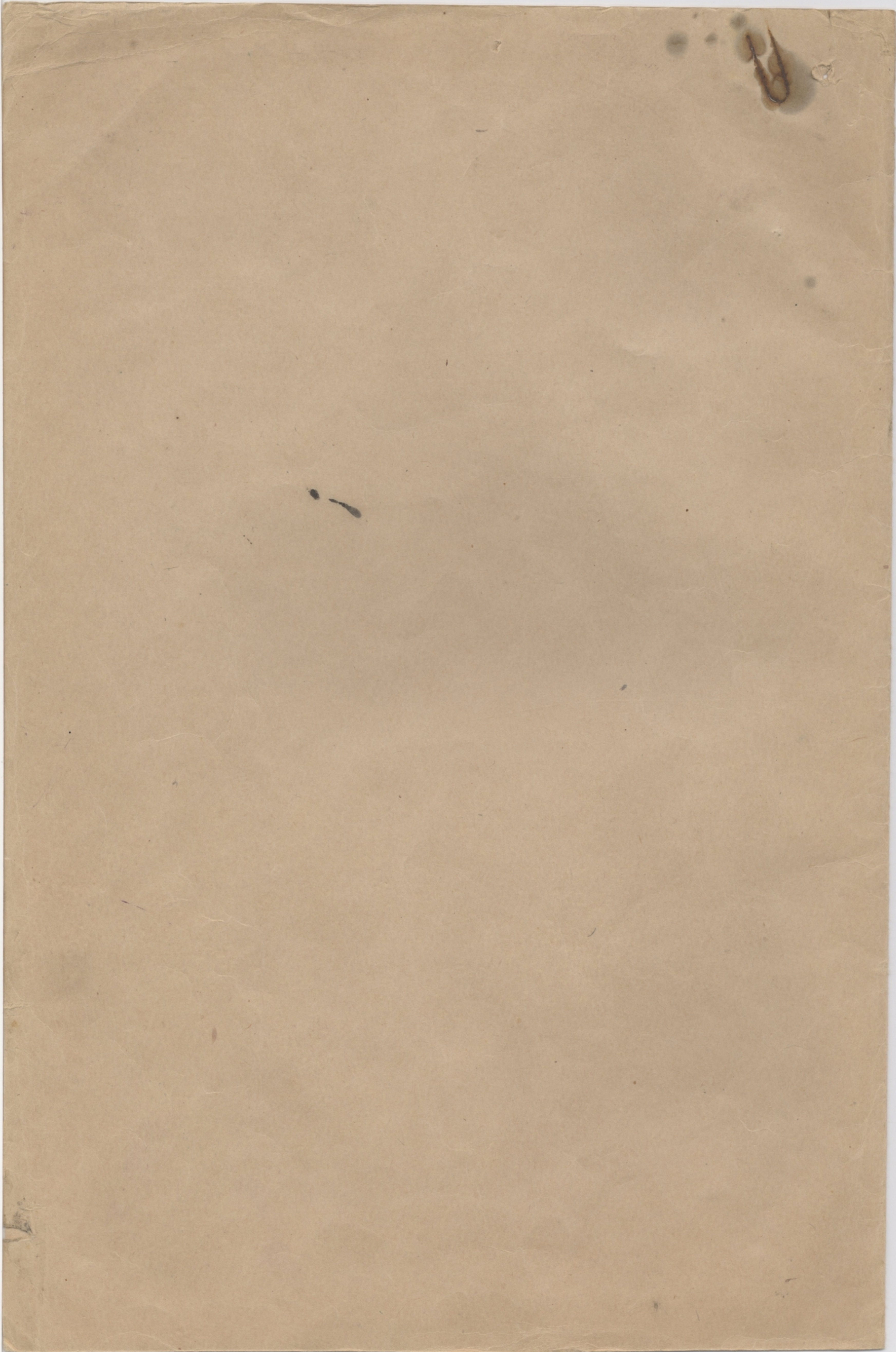
**FIRST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL**

Subject :—

General Bridges. (Deceased)

*Re Transference of body
to Australia*



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on the exhumation and transport out of Egypt of corpses.

The following is a translation of those articles of the law which relate to exhumation and transfer of bodies out of the country and which are material to the case in question.

Art. 12 - See End.

Art. 13 - The exhumation of a body in order to be sent abroad or reburied in the same cemetery can only take place a year at the least after the death of the individual.

Art. 16 - An exception to Art. 13 is made if the body to be exhumed, has before burial, been subjected to the provisions controlling the transport of bodies abroad (Following Articles).

Art. 17 - Every body before being transported abroad-if immediately after death it has not been embalmed-must be placed in a coffin of lead which must itself be enclosed in a case of hard wood bound round with iron bands and screwed down; the body must be put in contact with disinfectants or preservatives such as well dried sawdust, sulphate of zinc and chloride of lime or other suitable disinfectants.

Art. 18 - When a body is exhumed, a year or more after death in order to be transported out of the country, if the coffin is found whole and in a good state of preservation, it will suffice to open it and to introduce therein a mixture of equal parts of well dried sawdust and of above mentioned disinfectants with which the whole body must be covered in such a manner as to fill the coffin. The latter will be then placed in a coffin of lead which will in its turn, be enclosed in another coffin of hard wood, in accordance with the provisions of article 17.

- Art.19 - No body shall be fastend up in a box or coffin in order to be sent into or out of Egypt unless, a delegate of the Public Health Department has been present to verify the excution of the m~~me~~asures laid down in article 17.
- Art.20 - Every embalmed body,destined to be transported out of Egypt must be examined by a Doctor of the Public Health Department before the closure of the coffin.
- Art.21 - The principal coffin (external wooden case bound round with iron bands) must be sealed by the Public Health Delegate and by the Consular Authority to which the defunt belonged.
- Art.22 - After the formalities above mentioned,a proçès verbal must be drawn up describing the conditions in which the body is found and the precaution,which have been taken for transport.This proçès verbal should besides mention the declaration of the Doctors who have attended the sick man,the illness for which he has died,his name,age,nationality and profession.
- A copy of the declaration of the Doctor who has embalmed or prepared the body should be attached.The proçès verbal and other papers should be delivered to the relatives or to their representatives in order to be presented to those concerned.
- Art.23 - Any coffin coming from the interior of Egypt can be embarked on a board a ship only when the Port Sanitary Authority after having perused the Proçès verbal testifying to the accomplishment of sanitary precautions has given permission for the embarkation to take place.
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Attached herewith are copies of the A; Proçès Verbal and B, Certificate of Embalment or of preparation mentioned in Art? 22.

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These two Forms must be made out in triplicate one copy being handed over to accompany the coffin,one copy being kept for

reference by the Public Health Department and the third Copy being generally required by the Consular Authority concerned.

In Alexandria all this work is done by the Municipality.

Art. 12 It is forbidden to exhume a body either to establish identity or to discover traces of a crime or for individual or family reasons etc.etc.without previous authorization in the manner laid down and in the presence of special delegates.

P. L. S. W.
13/7/15

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

Cemeteries Office

Number of papers { 6
enclosed.

In reply please quote No. 874 D

Cairo, 14th. July 1915



SUBJECT:

Exhumation & Transport to Australia
of the body of the late General Bridges.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. I485 of the 12th. Instant,
regarding this subject, I have the honour to inform you that
although such exhumations are not usually permitted before
the expiration of a year after the date of the burial I
have no objection in this case to the disinterment taking
place at any time you may wish.

I enclose herewith the translation of the articles of
the Law dealing with the procedure in such cases as well as
a table of the Government Fees .

I have forwarded to Alexandria Municipality, for necessa-
ry action, a copy of your application and of this reply.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

D. Leupke

DIRECTOR GENERAL.



Officer
The Commanding A.I.F. Intermediate Base
Australian Imperial Force
II Sharia Emad el-Din

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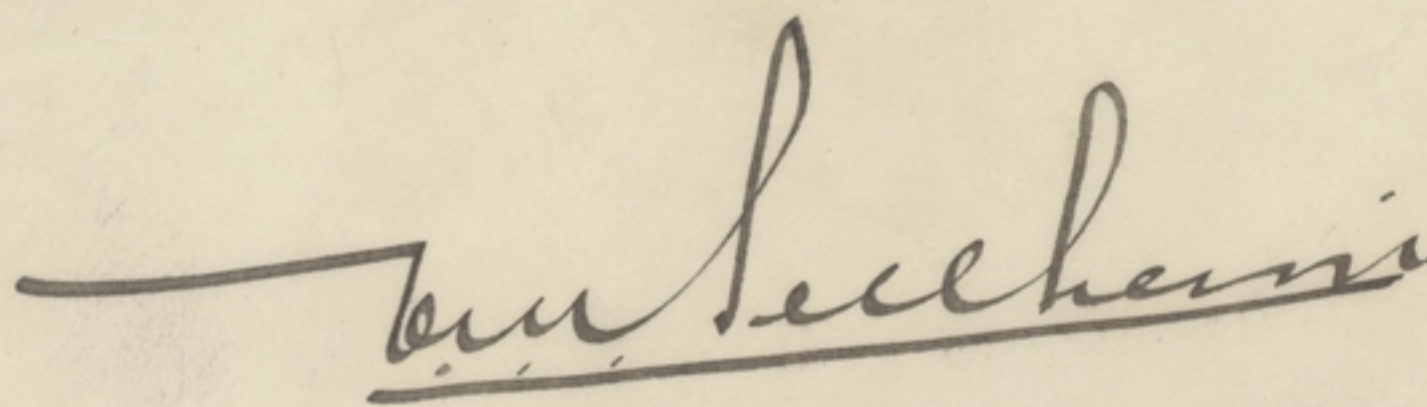
Forwarded for necessary action please as I understand from you that Lieut-Colonel Ramsay Smith and Major Watson have kindly volunteered to take the subject in hand.

2. If possible I think the coffin should be sent by the ^{Port Lincoln} "Argyllshire", understood to be leaving in a couple of weeks time. I do not think there would be time to complete the necessary arrangements by the date of sailing of the "Port Lincoln".

3. It appears that the first steps to be taken are to get in touch with the Alexandria Municipality, who it will be seen from the correspondence, have already been communicated with by the Director General of Public Health.

4. If Colonel Ramsay Smith and Major Watson require any assistance while in Alexandria they should apply to Lieut-Colonel C.A.K. Johnson, O.C. Australian Overseas Base, Mustapha Barracks, Alexandria, whom I will communicate with when I hear from them.

5. I would be glad if I could be kept informed of the progress of events and may possibly go myself to Alexandria if necessary.



Colonel.

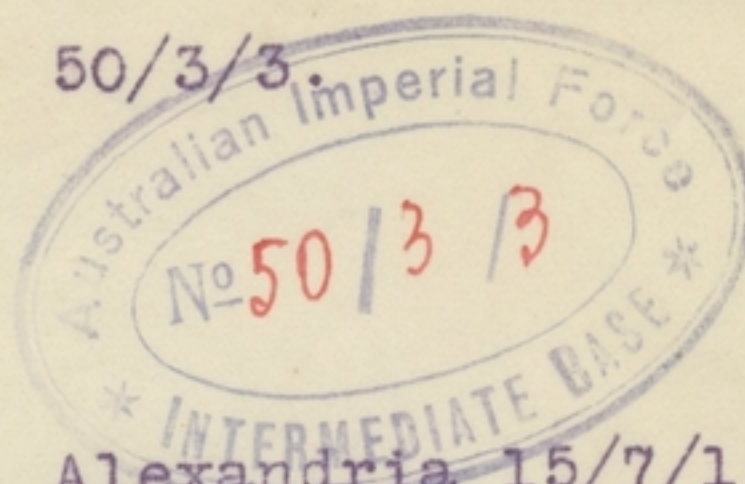
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Commanding A.I.F. Intermediate Base.

15/3/15.

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MUNICIPALITE D'ALEXANDRIE.

Alexandria 15/7/15.

To Officer Commanding
A.I.F. Intermediate Base,
Australian Imperial Force,
11 Sharia Emad el Din,
C A I R O.

SUBJECT.

Exhumation and transport to Australia of the body of
the late General Bridges.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that you will forward
the necessary official application for the exhumation and
transport to Australia of the body of the late General Bridges,
to this Municipality, and ask your representative to call at
the Municipality.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. E.

DIRECTOR GENERAL.

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A.D.M.S.

Australian Imperial Force.



Forwarded in continuation of my No 50/3/3, which
was sent to you on 15th Inst..

Cairo.
17-7-15.

W. Leecher

Colonel.

Commanding A.I.F. Intermediate Base.

SPS.



D.

8 Sharia Shawarbi Pasha.

5th August

Colonel Ramsay Smith,

C.O. 1st A.G. Hospital.

I am duly in receipt of your report on the exhumation and transport of the body of the late Major General Sir W.T.Bridges, K.C.B. C.M.G. and desire to thank you and your associates very much for the satisfactory manner in which you performed a very difficult and complicated task. I have had pleasure in bringing this matter to the notice of the Defence Authorities in Australia.

Colonel.

Commanding A.I.F. Intermediate Base.

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To O.C.,

Intermediate Base, A.I.F.,

Cairo.

I have to thank you for the appreciation conveyed in yours of the 5th inst. and to say that I have communicated it to Major Watson and Captain Yeatman who were associated with me in the work.

I am sending you prints of a series of photographs which I took of the various stages of the proceedings.

Heliopolis,

10/8/15.

1st Australian General Hospital, A.I.F.

HELIOPOLIS,

17th August 1915.

E.F. Valenzia
Dr. ~~Lorenzo~~,

Medical Officer, Municipality,
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Will you permit me to thank you for the
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Yours faithfully,

Ramsay Smith,

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[cp. Colonel Johnson
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18th August 1915.

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C/o Colonel Johnson,

Mustapha,

ALEXANDRIA.

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